

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2012
7:15 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:00PM

Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this public meeting in a notice sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, filed with the Borough of Dumont, posted on the Dumont website and the official bulletin board.

Roll Call: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept the agenda with the following changes: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

#12-59 Appointment of Brooker Engineering as Borough Engineer-pulled

#12-72 Appointment of Thomas Ciotti to the Ethics Board-tabled

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the January 3, 2012 Reorganization Meeting minutes: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members: Brophy, Carrick, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the February 7, 2012 Executive Meeting minutes: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Freeman and Hayes-abstained

Motion to approve the February 7, 2012 Public Meeting minutes: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Freeman and Hayes-abstained

Administrator's Report

Mr. Perkins reported that he had applied for grants through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Clean Energy Grant program. Borough Hall, the DPW and Firehouse #1 were previously approved. He just learned that his applications for the Library, Independent Firehouse, Firehouse #2 and Firehouse #3 were just approved at a construction savings in the amount of \$93,303.61. The fire houses are independently owned and pay for their own utility bills so they will realize a savings in the future. In some cases the upgrades include reflector lights, automatic sensors for lights on and off, gas-fired boiler and electrical box upgrade.

Mandatory training for managers and supervisors for worker's compensation and sensitivity issues through Joint Insurance Fund has been scheduled for April 1st.

We will be looking into cameras at intersections as a revenue source. The company will do a presentation at the March 6th work session of the Mayor and Council.

The Borough contracts for health services annually, following the approval of the Dumont Board of Health, with the County Health Department and HARP (Hackensack Medical Center). The municipal clerk and he have been attempting to identify duplication of services, going line by line. They met with a representative from HARP. Mr. Perkins is also looking into different animal control services, also. HARP will be holding eight sessions at the Senior Center dealing with balance.

The administrator met with members of the police department, Councilwoman Zamechansky and a sales representative from Metric Parking regarding parking kiosks, which could be another revenue source in the future.

Refinancing the 2003 Retirement Program through the Bergen County Improvement Authority was approved by the Local Finance Board of the Division of the Local Government Services.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Brophy

Celebrations

The Councilman met with Councilwoman Zamechansky in order to better understand the events that take place.

DPW

The Councilman met with Superintendent Ebenhack and Mr. Perkins. The Superintendent expressed concerns about certain equipment which needs to be replaced.

Councilman Brophy had a tour with Bill Bowen of Borough Hall. This building is in worse shape than apparent visually. He is in receipt of several reports, one including the air quality in the police department. The Department of Health has requested that certain issues be resolved.

The Mayor stated that he also had a tour of the Borough Hall and the Police Department, which is in the basement and agreed that the building is almost at a point of being unsafe and unhealthy for the people who work here. There are leaks, mold issues and other problems and we have been cited. Putting more money into this building is not the answer. He has spoken to Councilwoman Zamechansky, the chair of Buildings and Grounds, about some options they might have.

- Councilman Carrick

Police Department

The Police Department has a wish list, which would be paid for from their budget. The School Board has a pickup which they could buy for \$5,000. They currently have what is called a red box, which records all calls going to the desk. They need to have it in one central location with one machine. The value added voice box would be the answer and would cost \$50 less than what they are currently paying. They need to upgrade the software and are looking into perhaps leasing computers.

There is a schedule for the TwinBoro Field project is tacked up in the conference room.

- Councilman Freeman

Finance

The increase in the budget is \$1,067,392, which puts us \$767,499 above the 2% cap. This is going to be a very difficult year with some very serious decisions having to be made by the Governing Body.

- Councilman Hayes

Joint Land Use Board

The Councilman attended the last meeting. They tabled most of the agenda. Mayor Kelly swore in William Bochicchio and Michael Worner to fill vacancies. They did discuss a parking problem for the Senior Citizen Building and St. Mary's Church.

Rent Leveling Board

There was no quorum so they could not conduct formal action. Joseph Woska was sworn in as a tenant representative.

- Councilman Stylianou

Library

The Board will be meeting tomorrow, February 22nd at 7PM. According to their agenda there will be an election of officers.

Recreation

The Councilman has spoken with Dawn Totten in order to learn what issues are pending.

5K Run

A meeting will be scheduled soon. The Run coincides with Dumont Day. Last year there was a record number of sponsors and runners and raised more money than previously. The money that was raised went to a little boy battling brain cancer; he is doing well. Anyone who would like to help should call Councilman Stylianou on his cell phone: 201-916-2323.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Senior Citizens

The Mayor and Councilwoman Zamechansky attended their Valentine's Day party. She thanked the Mayor for his help. There were more than 100 seniors in attendance.

Their St. Patrick's Day party will be held at the Senior Center March 16th.

Chamber of Commerce

They are looking for new members. They are considering running a Farmer's Market.

Environmental Commission

The Councilwoman has reached out to them and will attend their next meeting.

Celebrations

Councilwoman Zamechansky met with Councilman Brophy about Dumont Day and other events.

Buildings and Grounds

A meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss options regarding the condition of Borough Hall. The Health Department has been involved. The PBA has many concerns.

The Councilwoman sat with the dispatchers during the Grant Avenue incident and commended them.

Borough Attorney's Remarks

The Record did an article on taping of Council meetings. Mr. Paster was interviewed. He is happy to report that Dumont is observant in terms of having no significant impediments to the public monitoring and recording the meetings.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kelly said that residents may have read in the paper about Mariner's Bank. He met with members of the bank today and everyone's minds should be at ease. They are very liquid and we are covered through the FDIC.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a Council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#12-55 Eden Bergenfield Tax Appeal Settlement*

#12-75 Approval of Council Meeting Dates *

#12-76 Re-appointment of Larry Bongard as Recycling Coordinator for 2012-\$3,778.16*

#12-79 Bills List *

#12-80 Authorization to Re-advertise for Alternate Public Defender and Alternate Prosecutor *

#12-81 Frontier Room-Approval of Request for Live Entertainment *

#12-82 Authorization for T&M Associates to Prepare Bid Documents for Roosevelt Avenue Storm Sewer Improvements and Authorization for the Municipal Clerk to Advertise for Bids -\$26,200 *

#12-83 Coleman Szely-Appoint as Rent Leveling Alternate Tenant Member *

#12-84 Alyssa Bobadilla-Accept Resignation as Dumont Police Dispatcher *

#12-85 Authorization of Municipal Court Signatories *

#12-86 Transfer of Budget Appropriations *

Motion to open to the public on Consent Agenda items: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked to confirm that check #50687 (PSE&G) and #50706 (Viridian Energy) are still on the bills list. Are these applied to current or past due charges?

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

Councilman Hayes asked if all bills from last year were paid. The CFO responded that some bills are still coming in.

Councilman Brophy asked about the Frontier Room Live Entertainment request and how this is affected by the noise ordinance. Mr. Paster explained that the resolution provides that in the event that there is a complaint the police would shut down the entertainment.

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

ORDINANCE

Second Reading

#1439 Refunding bond ordinance providing for the refunding of certain general obligation bonds issued in connection with unfunded pension liabilities of the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, appropriating

\$886,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$886,000 bonds of the borough for financing the cost thereof

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

The Mayor explained that this is a refinancing of an existing bond which involved the retirement of police officers and the payment of their pensions and salaries. The Borough is saving \$72,000 between now and 2023.

Motion to adopt on second reading: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to open to the public for general discussion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

1. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, requested that all current and future bids be placed on the Borough website.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk